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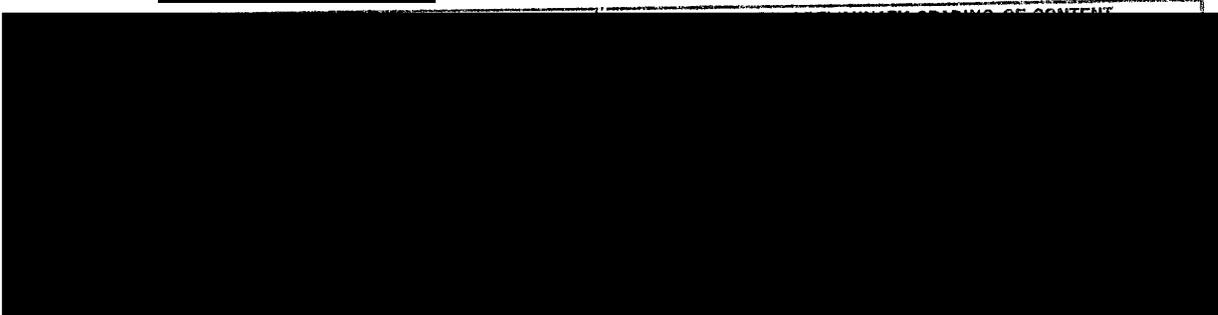
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1. A conference of the chiefs of East German diplomatic missions in foreign capitals was held in Berlin from 13 to 18 August 1951. The following representatives attended:

Fritz Grosse, Prague
 Aenne Kundermann, Warsaw
 fru Kundermann (husband of Aenne), charge d'affaires in Sofia
 Markus (Mischa) Wolf, Moscow; joined later by Rudolf Appelt, who had been delayed by illness
 Johannes Konig, Peiping.

There were no representatives from Bucharest or Budapest.

2. The following subjects were discussed:
 - a. The special tasks of DDR diplomats; speaker, Anton Ackermann.
 - b. The situation in the DDR; speaker, Wilhelm Meissner.
 - c. The situation in West Germany; speaker, Gunther Kohrt.
 - d. Final summing-up; speaker, Minister Georg Dertinger.
 - e. A report on each station by the several ambassadors.*
3. The conference reached the conclusion that a war between the West and the Soviet Union is inevitable, but that it is unlikely to begin within the next two years.
4. State Secretary Anton Ackermann was seldom present at the sessions of the conference. However, all the foreign mission chiefs received separate instructions from the Central Committee of the SED after the conference was over; Dertinger did not participate in these briefings.

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Comment: The only good report was that made by Konig on the situation in China.

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